Object Oriented Tools

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Software Tool Qualification

- DO-178B definition of a tool:
  - A computer program used to develop, test, analyze, produce, or modify another program or its documentation
- DO-178B defines two software tools:
  - Development tools
  - Verification tools

Development Tools

- "Tools whose output is part of airborne software and thus can introduce errors"
  - Tools that can inject errors into the software
    - Code generators
    - Compilers
    - Software libraries
    - Operating systems

Verification Tools

- "Tools that cannot introduce errors, but may fail to detect them"
  - Tools that may fail to detect an error in the software
    - Simulators
    - Emulators
    - Test tools including coverage analyzers
    - Test generators

Tool Qualification

- A process to ensure that a tool provides confidence at least equivalent to the processes that are eliminated, reduced or automated
- Needed when processes are eliminated, reduced or automated by the use of a software tool without its output being verified

Qualification Data

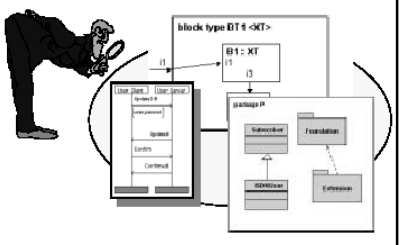
- Development tools
  - PSAC
  - Tool qualification plan
  - Tool operational requirements
  - Tool accomplishment summary
  - Software accomplishment summary
- Verification tool
  - PSAC
  - Tool operational requirements
  - Software accomplishment summary

Determinism of Tools

- Ability to establish correctness of the output from the tool
- Given the same input, the tool should generate the correct output every time
  - All possible variations of the output from some given input should be correct
  - Variations in output need to be bounded
    - Case/switch construct in a code generator

Why Visual Modeling

- Provide structure for problem solving
- Modeling using standard graphical notations
- Experiment to explore multiple solutions
- Is a communication tool
- Helps Manage Complexity
- Model is independent from the implementation languages
- Promotes Reuse



UML Building Blocks

- The basic building blocks of UML are:
  - Model elements (classes, interfaces, components, and use cases)
  - Relationships (associations, generalization, and dependencies)
  - Diagrams (class diagrams, use cases diagrams, and interaction diagrams)
- Simple building blocks are use to create large, complex structure

UML Concepts

- UML may be used to:
  - Display the boundary of the system and its major functions using use cases and actors
  - Show use case realizations with interaction diagrams
  - Show the static structure of the systems using class diagrams
  - Model the behavior of objects with state transition diagrams
  - Show the physical implementation architecture with component & deployment diagrams
  - Extend the functionality with stereotypes

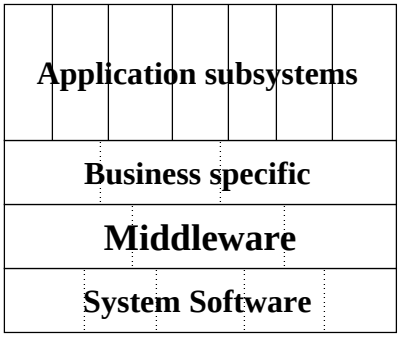
UML Diagrams

Behavior Diagrams
- Use case Diagram
- Class Diagram
- Sequence Diagram
- Collaboration Diagram
- Statechart Diagram
- Activity Diagram

Implementation Diagrams
- Component Diagram
- Deployment Diagram

Architectural Design

- The application
- Re-usable subsystems specific to the type of business
- Utility classes and services stacks, lists, queues)
- Infrastructures (OS, HW, devices)



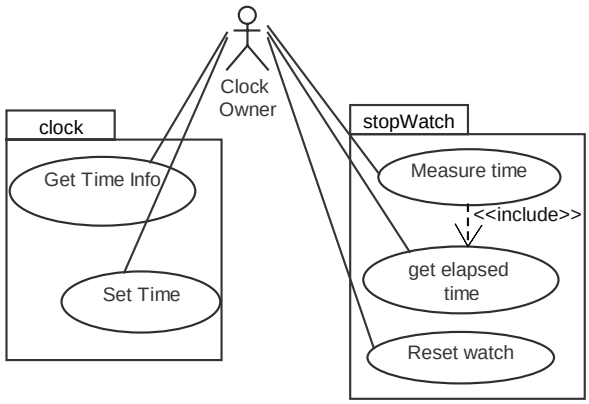
Some issues Facing OO Certification

- Requirements management & Traceability
- Structural Coverage
- Dead/Deactivated Code
- Inheritance & Multiple Inheritance
- Polymorphism
- Overloading
- Data & control flow
- Auto-code & Auto-Test generation

Requirements capture

- Functional requirements
- Performance requirements
- Safety requirements
- Security requirements
- Design constraints
- External interfaces

Use Cases

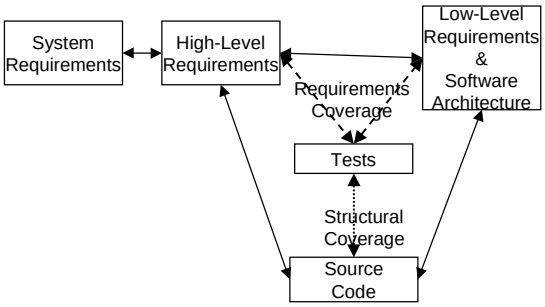


Use Case Description

- Name:
- Actors:
- Pre-conditions:
- Begins:
- Description:
- Ends:
- Exceptions:
- Post condition:

Traceability

- Traceability using OO Tools
  - DO-178B has specific objectives for Traceability
  - Currently there are no mappings between UML artifacts produced by OO tools and the artifacts of DO-178B
  - There are no guidelines for how to establish Traceability using OO tools



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Traceability using UML

- One way to achieve traceability using OO Tools
  - Use case diagrams (Capture system requirements)
  - Scenarios diagrams (Discover interfaces between objects)
  - Class diagrams (Trace to use cases)
  - Object diagrams (Trace to use cases)
  - Statechart diagrams (Implementation, trace to classes)
  - Activity diagrams (Implementation, trace to classes)
  - Code (Trace to classes and/or states)

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UML Traceability

No	Name	Use Case	Class Diagram	Class Specification	Statechart
1	Identification	X		X	
2	Type			X	
3	Purpose	X		X	
4	Function			X	X
5	Subordinates		X	X	
6	Dependencies		X	X	
7	Interface			X	
8	Resources	X		X	
9	Processing	X		X	X
10	Data		X	X	

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Dead/Deactivated code

- Re-usable software will defiantly have some deactivated or dead code
- Dead code will have to be removed because it serve no purpose
- Deactivated code will have to be analyze and justification has to be submitted as a part of the verification results documents

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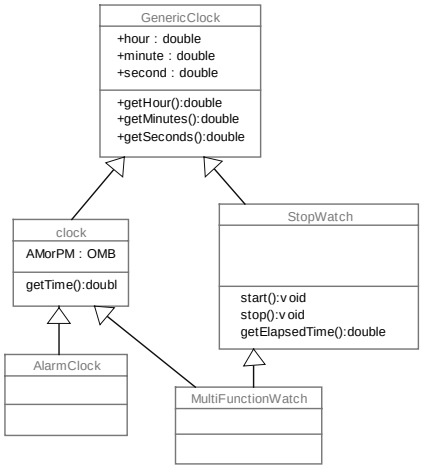
Multiple Inheritance

- Complicate the class hierarchy
- Complicate configuration control
- Complicate traceability
- Can lead into unintended connections among classes
- Can lead into ambiguity

Multiple Inheritance



Polymorphism

- Is a form of auto code generation by the compiler
- Makes structural coverage analysis more difficult
- May present a problem with regard to traceability
- Can lead to ambiguity

Operator Overloading

- Definition of more than one operation with the same name, but with different signatures
- Overloading an operator to other than its obvious meaning may lead to errors
- The rules of matching calls to operations can be complicated

Auto-Code generation

- Automatic Code Generators
  - Visual modeling tools that are widely used for OO development provide a way to generate code automatically from UML diagrams
    - Tools have different levels of code generation
    - The compiler will also generate some of your OO code
  - How should the objectives of DO-178B be satisfied for automatically generated code?
    - Is reviewing the output of the code generator good enough?
    - What is the qualification criteria for code generators?
    - What kind of new issues would the code generators have if used in conjunction with UML diagrams?

Compiler Generated Code

- Current OO Tools may not support Structural Coverage of all compiler-generated code
  - Proper structural coverage of compiler generated
  - Consideration should be given to requiring appropriate coverage of the compiler generated code to the appropriate software level.
  - Further consideration could be given to expanding source to object code traceability to software Levels B and C.
  - Once it is decided what the appropriate structural coverage for compiler generated code structures is, existing OO structural coverage analysis tools can be checked for compliance and qualification.

Frameworks

- Verification Guidance for Frameworks
  - Some OO tools make use of frameworks for automatic generation of objects and/or code
    - Make use of standard languages such as the UML
    - Implementation support using statecharts and activity diagrams
    - Replaces tedious programming tasks
  - Frameworks combine patterns, templates, and classes in ways requiring new verification guidance
    - Partial code verses complete code generation
    - The difference between using frameworks and a standard library

Frameworks

- Verification Guidance for Frameworks
  - Frameworks are generic classes or executable that used to automate some commonly used tasks
  - Commercial frame works might have the following issues:
    - Generic requirements
    - Much more functionality than needed
    - Might not be qualified as DO-178B development tools
    - May not be deterministic
  - Frameworks should be qualified to the same level as the application

Auto-Test Generation

- Tools have to be qualified
- Has to be done with independence
- Has to meet the requirements based testing guidelines
- Can be used for open box testing
- Used for verification but not validation of requirements

Data & Control Coupling

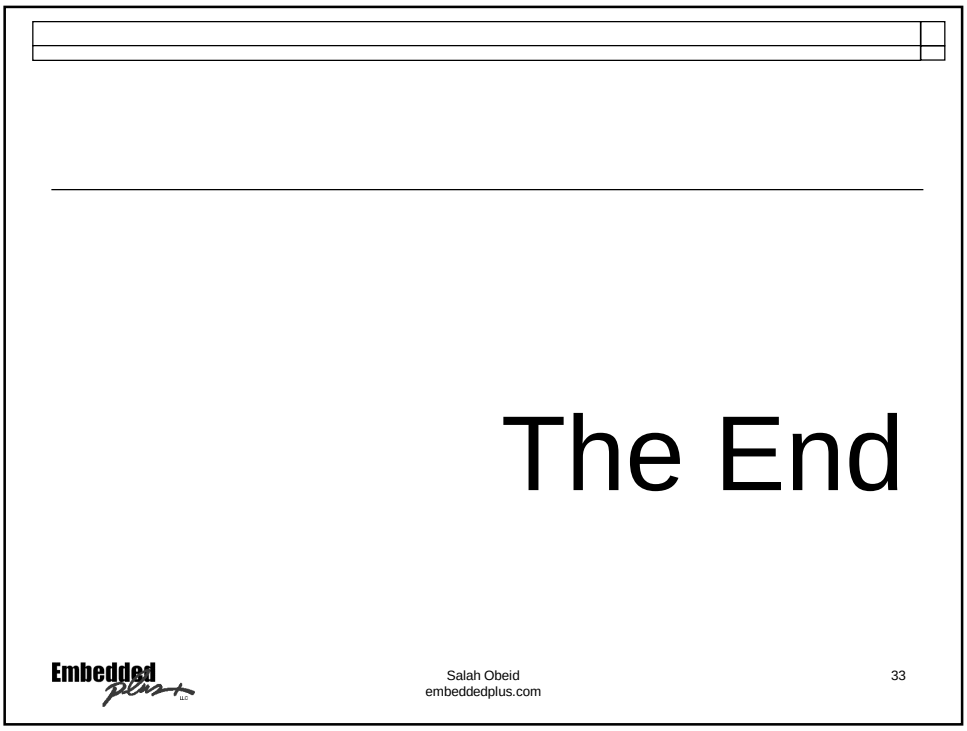
- Current OO Tools may not support Data Coupling & Control Coupling Analyses
  - How to model data flow and control flow in current OO Tools?
  - How does one measure the data coupling and control coupling present within an OO implementation?
    - Can tools understand all the implicit type conversions, constructors and destructors for temporaries, etc.?

Data & Control Coupling

- Current OO Tools may not support Data Coupling & Control Coupling Analyses (cont)
  - OO supports the creation of lots of small methods
    - Individually, the methods are less complex
    - However, the connectivity between methods can explode
  - Objects communicate via messages
    - Request service, don't direct action
    - Coupling may not be obvious above the code level
      - Indirection – two Objects coupled through a series of Messages
  - OO implementations use References
    - Pointers to Objects

Configuration Management

- Software Configuration Management of OO Data
  - When using OO tools it is very beneficial to work at the visual model level (i.e., diagrams)
    - Especially when using UML or CORBA
  - The developer will want to control the models
    - The Model contains the Requirements, Analysis, design, and implementation
  - The tools may introduce subtle errors into the models
    - Impacting the manually or automatic code generation
  - Guidelines are needed for configuration management of models
    - Visual modeling tools can insert errors into the models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